



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**Alabama Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

November 30, 2020

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Alabama, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 29, 2020. Precipitation ranged from 0.2 inches of rain to 4.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 30s to the low 50s.

Crops

Several northern counties had their first heavy frosts of the season. Showers late in the week halted cotton harvesting, which was nearing completion. Before the rain disrupted fieldwork, good strides were made with planting winter wheat and various cover crops. The rain greatly improved topsoil moisture, especially in southern counties that recently entered into an abnormally dry designation.

Livestock and Pastures

Livestock farmers overseeded ryegrass in pastures and continued to provide hay and other supplemental feed to cover the gap in forage availability in pastures. Winter grazing finally received the rain it needed after an extended period of little to no rain. Cattle condition remained mostly good.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/29/20

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Harvested	93	81	89	86
Peanuts - Harvested	98	96	98	96
Soybeans - Harvested	97	91	96	95
Winter wheat - Planted	84	76	87	82
Winter wheat - Emerged ..	56	59	69	52

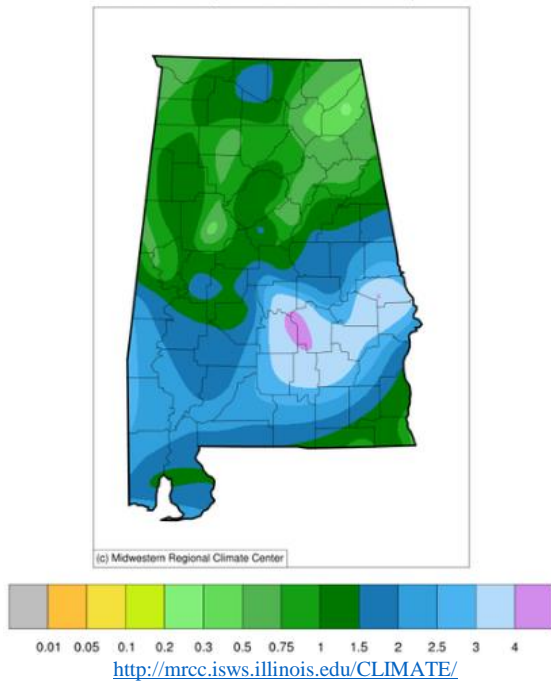
Conditions for Week Ending 11/29/20

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	2	15	75	8
Pasture and range ..	2	10	29	55	4
Winter wheat	0	0	8	78	14

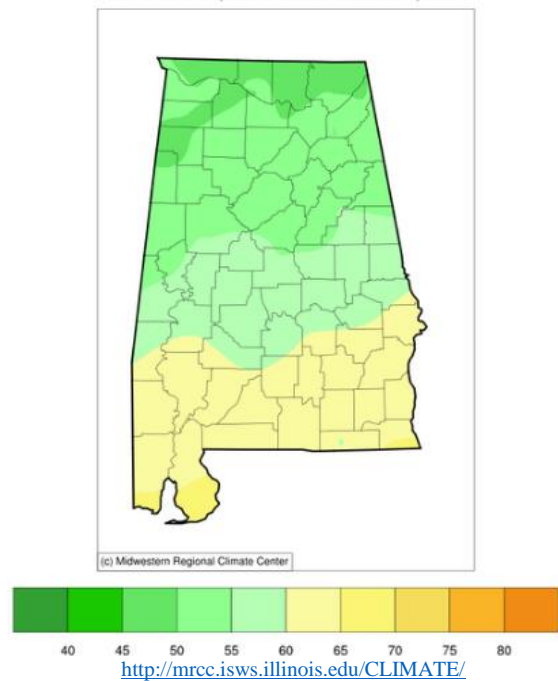
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/29/20

Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	6	4
Short	27	9
Adequate	67	82
Surplus	0	5
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	5	5
Short	14	3
Adequate	81	86
Surplus	0	6

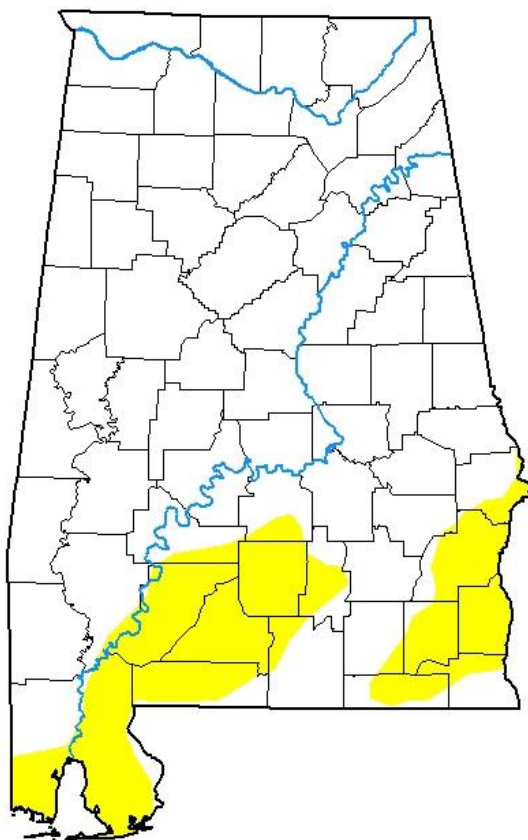
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
November 23, 2020 to November 29, 2020



Average Temperature (°F)
November 23, 2020 to November 29, 2020



U.S. Drought Monitor Alabama



November 24, 2020
(Released Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020)
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	82.83	17.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 11-17-2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 08-25-2020	95.03	4.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12-31-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-29-2020	98.07	1.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 11-26-2019	79.12	20.88	2.02	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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